

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: FEDERAL – AUGUST 2002

BILL	TITLE	SUBJECT	AUTHOR	STATUS	PROPOSED LoC ACTION	CLA POSITION	LoC BOARD POSITION
	Children's Internet Protection Act	Mandates technology protection measures (filtering software) for public libraries and schools receiving E-Rate funds and for public libraries receiving LSTA funds if the discounts or grants are used to purchase Internet connectivity or computer workstations that are connected to the Internet		<p>6/18/02 A three-judge panel sitting in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania held that "... the (public) library plaintiffs must prevail in their contention that CIPA requires them to violate the First Amendment rights of their patrons, and accordingly is facially invalid"; the three-judge panel permanently enjoined the government from enforcing those provisions. School libraries were not included in the ALA suit.</p> <p>The Justice Department, acting on behalf of the Federal Communications Commission and the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Sciences, formally notified the Supreme Court on June 20 that it would appeal this Ruling.</p>		CLA supports the ALA suit	Watch
	UCITA	A proposed state contract law designed to standardize the licensing of software and other forms of digital information. Will be introduced state-by-state.		"UCITA entered a new phase of its evolution this year as the American Bar Association began an		Oppose	Watch

		Restricts ownership of products or digital information and adds restrictions related to ownership and use of digital products. Vendors may monitor licensee usage online. Reduces or eliminates judicial process in cases of disputes between vendors and licensees.		exhaustive review of the statute in the fall and NCCUSL, National Commissioners who drafted UCITA, issued 19 new amendments in December, in an attempt to make the legislation more palatable to critics. (Washington Office, E. Sheketoff)”			
	Funding for FY 2002	The President’s FY 2002 budget recommendation reduces the LSTA from \$207 million to \$168 million. Most cuts are in the National Leadership Grants program. Does not affect grants to states. (\$149 million)		<p>“12/31/01 - The Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002 (H.R. 3061) was passed with broad bipartisan support by the House December 19 and the Senate December 21. The measure included \$197.6 million for library programs under the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Of that, \$168 million is for LSTA leadership grants and block grants to the states, and \$29 million is for set-asides for specific projects requested by legislators.”</p> <p>On 7/17/02 the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee voted on the total budget</p>		No position taken	Support

				package for FY 2003 and increased the IMLS budget to \$214 million including \$10 million for the librarian shortage initiative and \$4 million additional for the library grant program.			
HR 3784 S 2611	LSTA Reauthorization	Reauthorizes the Library Services and Technology Act for 2002/07. Broadens the scope of the act and requests an increase to \$500 million for block grants to the states. Deadline for reauthorization is September 30. Program may be funded even if not reauthorized.		The House version HR 3784 has passed committee and was sent to the full House. House majority leadership has not been willing to schedule a vote. It has \$300 million for libraries. The Senate version S 2611 contains \$350 million for libraries. In the meantime, according to the ALA Washington Office, on 7/17/02 the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee quickly voted on the total budget package for FY 2003 and increased the IMLS budget to \$214 million, with \$10 million for the librarian shortage initiative and \$4 million more for state library programs.		Support	Support

S327	Improving Literacy through School Libraries Act of 2001	Amends Title II of the ESEA to provide up-to-date school library media resources and certified school library media specialists for elementary and secondary schools.	Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.)	“12/31/01 The new school library resources program, established under the recently reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act, was funded at \$12.5 million. ALA recommends that the appropriation be increased to \$100 million, or more, which would increase the amount available and require that the funds be disbursed to the states as block grants. On 7/17/02 the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee doubled the program from \$12.5 million to \$25 million for FY 2003		No position taken	Support
Librarian Shortage		First Lady Laura Bush, during an opening gala January 9 for a new Topeka and Shawnee County (Kan.) Public Library building, announced a \$10-million national initiative to recruit and train library professionals. The initiative, to be included in President Bush’s proposed 2003 budget, will be managed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.		Incorporated into IMLS budget by Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee.			